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26 | activities; prohibiting such officers or legislators  
 27 | from soliciting or accepting investment advice from or  
 28 | soliciting or entering into certain profitmaking  
 29 | relationships with or advised by lobbyists or  
 30 | principals; providing definitions; requiring lobbyists  
 31 | and principals to disclose certain prohibited  
 32 | solicitations to the commission; authorizing the  
 33 | commission to investigate such disclosures; providing  
 34 | disclosure requirements; requiring the commission to  
 35 | publish disclosures on its website; authorizing the  
 36 | commission to adopt rules; amending s. 112.3185, F.S.;  
 37 | providing definitions; prohibiting certain officers  
 38 | and employees from soliciting employment or  
 39 | contractual relationships from or negotiating  
 40 | employment or contractual relationships with certain  
 41 | employers; providing exceptions; requiring disclosure  
 42 | of certain offers of employment or contractual  
 43 | relationships; reenacting and amending s. 112.3215,  
 44 | F.S.; revising definitions; requiring a lobbyist to  
 45 | electronically register with the commission; revising  
 46 | lobbyist registration, compensation report, principal  
 47 | designation cancellation, and investigation  
 48 | requirements; revising lobbyist registration fees;  
 49 | authorizing the commission to dismiss certain  
 50 | complaints and investigations; providing

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51 applicability; providing an effective date.

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53 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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55 Section 1. Section 11.061, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

56 Section 2. Subsections (7), (9), and (15) of section  
57 112.313, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

58 112.313 Standards of conduct for public officers,  
59 employees of agencies, and local government attorneys.—

60 (7) CONFLICTING EMPLOYMENT OR CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP.—

61 (a) A ~~Ne~~ public officer or employee of an agency may not  
62 ~~shall~~ have or hold any employment or contractual relationship  
63 with any business entity or any agency that ~~which~~ is subject to  
64 the regulation of, or is doing business with, the officer's or  
65 employee's ~~an~~ agency. This paragraph does not apply to ~~of which~~  
66 ~~he or she is an officer or employee, excluding those~~  
67 organizations and their officers who, when acting in their  
68 official capacity, enter into or negotiate a collective  
69 bargaining contract with the state or any municipality, county,  
70 or other political subdivision of the state. Such; ~~nor shall an~~  
71 officer or employee may also not ~~of an agency~~ have or hold any  
72 employment or contractual relationship that will create a  
73 continuing or frequently recurring conflict between his or her  
74 private interests and the performance of his or her public  
75 duties or that would impede the full and faithful discharge of

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76 | his or her public duties.

77 |       1. When the agency referred to is a ~~that certain kind of~~  
 78 | special tax district created by general or special law and is  
 79 | limited specifically to constructing, maintaining, managing, and  
 80 | financing improvements in the land area over which the agency  
 81 | has jurisdiction, or when the agency has been organized pursuant  
 82 | to chapter 298, ~~then~~ employment with, or entering into a  
 83 | contractual relationship with, such a business entity by a  
 84 | public officer or employee of such an agency is ~~shall~~ not be  
 85 | prohibited by this subsection or ~~be~~ deemed a conflict ~~per se~~.  
 86 | However, conduct by such officer or employee that is prohibited  
 87 | by, or otherwise frustrates the intent of, this section must  
 88 | ~~shall~~ be deemed a conflict of interest in violation of the  
 89 | standards of conduct set forth by this section.

90 |       2. When the agency referred to is a legislative body and  
 91 | the regulatory power over the business entity resides in another  
 92 | agency, or when the regulatory power that ~~which~~ the legislative  
 93 | body exercises over the business entity or agency is strictly  
 94 | through the enactment of laws or ordinances, ~~then~~ employment  
 95 | with, or entering into a contractual relationship with, a  
 96 | business entity by a public officer or employee of such a  
 97 | legislative body is ~~shall~~ not be prohibited by this subsection  
 98 | or ~~be~~ deemed a conflict based on the regulatory power of the  
 99 | legislative body, unless prohibited or deemed a conflict by  
 100 | another law.

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101           (b) This subsection does ~~shall~~ not prohibit a public  
 102 officer or employee from practicing in a particular profession  
 103 or occupation when such practice by persons holding such public  
 104 office or employment is required or permitted by law or  
 105 ordinance.

106           (c) A public officer or employee of an agency may not  
 107 solicit any employment or contractual relationship prohibited by  
 108 this subsection.

109           (d) A public officer or employee of an agency must  
 110 disclose to the head of his or her agency, the general counsel  
 111 or inspector general of his or her agency, or any other officer  
 112 or attorney designated by the head of his or her agency any  
 113 offer of employment or contractual relationship that is  
 114 prohibited by this subsection.

115           (e) If a public officer or employee of an agency, or a  
 116 person acting on his or her behalf, solicits employment with any  
 117 business entity or any agency that is subject to the regulation  
 118 of, or is doing business with, the officer's or employer's  
 119 agency in violation of paragraph (c), the solicited business  
 120 entity or agency must disclose such solicitation to the head of  
 121 the officer's or employee's agency. If such solicitation is by  
 122 or on behalf of the head of the agency or a member of a body  
 123 that is the head of the agency, the solicited business entity or  
 124 agency must disclose such solicitation to the commission. The  
 125 commission may investigate such disclosure as if it were a valid

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126 | complaint under this part.

127 | (9) POSTEMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS; STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR  
128 | LEGISLATORS AND LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEES.—

129 | (a)1. It is the intent of the Legislature to implement by  
130 | statute the provisions of s. 8(e), Art. II of the State  
131 | Constitution relating to legislators, statewide elected  
132 | officers, appointed state officers, and designated public  
133 | employees.

134 | 2. As used in this paragraph:

135 | a. "Employee" means:

136 | (I) Any person employed in the executive or legislative  
137 | branch of government holding a position in the Senior Management  
138 | Service as defined in s. 110.402 or any person holding a  
139 | position in the Selected Exempt Service as defined in s. 110.602  
140 | or any person having authority over policy or procurement  
141 | employed by the Department of the Lottery.

142 | (II) The Auditor General, the director of the Office of  
143 | Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, the  
144 | Sergeant at Arms and Secretary of the Senate, and the Sergeant  
145 | at Arms and Clerk of the House of Representatives.

146 | (III) The executive director and deputy executive director  
147 | of the Commission on Ethics.

148 | (IV) An executive director, staff director, or deputy  
149 | staff director of each joint committee, standing committee, or  
150 | select committee of the Legislature; an executive director,

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151 staff director, executive assistant, analyst, or attorney of the  
 152 Office of the President of the Senate, the Office of the Speaker  
 153 of the House of Representatives, the Senate Majority Party  
 154 Office, Senate Minority Party Office, House Majority Party  
 155 Office, or House Minority Party Office; or any person, hired on  
 156 a contractual basis, having the power normally conferred upon  
 157 such persons, by whatever title.

158 (V) The Chancellor and Vice Chancellors of the State  
 159 University System; the general counsel to the Board of Governors  
 160 of the State University System; and the president, provost, vice  
 161 presidents, and deans of each state university.

162 (VI) Any person, including an other-personal-services  
 163 employee, having the power normally conferred upon the positions  
 164 referenced in this sub-subparagraph.

165 b. "Appointed state officer" means any member of an  
 166 appointive board, commission, committee, council, or authority  
 167 of the executive or legislative branch of state government whose  
 168 powers, jurisdiction, and authority are not solely advisory and  
 169 include the final determination or adjudication of any personal  
 170 or property rights, duties, or obligations, other than those  
 171 relative to its internal operations.

172 c. "State agency" means an entity of the legislative,  
 173 executive, or judicial branch of state government over which the  
 174 Legislature exercises plenary budgetary and statutory control.

175 d. "Agency director" means a secretary, as that term is

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176 defined in s. 20.03, the chief administrative employee or  
 177 officer of a department headed by the Governor and the Cabinet,  
 178 or the chief administrative employee or officer of any body  
 179 established or granted legislative or executive authority by the  
 180 State Constitution, including, but not limited to, the State  
 181 Board of Education, the Board of Governors of the State  
 182 University System, the State Board of Administration, and the  
 183 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, but excluding the  
 184 Legislature, the judiciary, or any constituent component of  
 185 either. "Agency director" also includes any person, including an  
 186 other-personal-services employee, having the power normally  
 187 conferred upon such secretary, employee, or officer.

188 3.a. A ~~No~~ member of the Legislature, ~~appointed state~~  
 189 ~~officer,~~ or statewide elected officer may not shall personally  
 190 represent another person or entity for compensation before any  
 191 state government body or state agency other than judicial  
 192 tribunals or in settlement negotiations after the filing of a  
 193 lawsuit the government body or agency of which the individual  
 194 ~~was an officer or member~~ for a period of 6 2 years following  
 195 vacation of office. A ~~No~~ member of the Legislature may not shall  
 196 personally represent another person or entity for compensation  
 197 during his or her term of office before any state agency other  
 198 than judicial tribunals or in settlement negotiations after the  
 199 filing of a lawsuit.

200 b. An appointed state officer may not personally represent

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201 another person or entity for compensation before the government  
 202 body or agency of which the individual was an officer or member  
 203 for a period of 2 years following vacation of office ~~For a~~  
 204 ~~period of 2 years following vacation of office, a former member~~  
 205 ~~of the Legislature may not act as a lobbyist for compensation~~  
 206 ~~before an executive branch agency, agency official, or employee.~~  
 207 ~~The terms used in this sub-subparagraph have the same meanings~~  
 208 ~~as provided in s. 112.3215.~~

209 4.a. An agency director who is so employed on or after  
 210 January 8, 2019, may not personally represent another person or  
 211 entity for compensation before any state agency other than the  
 212 Legislature or judicial tribunals or in settlement negotiations  
 213 after the filing of a lawsuit for a period of 2 years following  
 214 vacation of position, except when employed by and representing  
 215 another state agency.

216 b. An agency employee, including an agency employee who  
 217 was employed on July 1, 2001, in a Career Service System  
 218 position that was transferred to the Selected Exempt Service  
 219 System under chapter 2001-43, Laws of Florida, may not  
 220 personally represent another person or entity for compensation  
 221 before the agency with which he or she was employed for a period  
 222 of 2 years following vacation of position, except when unless  
 223 employed by and representing another state agency ~~of state~~  
 224 government.

225 5. Any person violating this paragraph is ~~shall be~~ subject

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226 to the penalties provided in s. 112.317 and a civil penalty of  
 227 an amount equal to the compensation which the person receives  
 228 for the prohibited conduct.

229 ~~6. This paragraph is not applicable to:~~

230 ~~a. A person employed by the Legislature or other agency~~  
 231 ~~prior to July 1, 1989;~~

232 ~~b. A person who was employed by the Legislature or other~~  
 233 ~~agency on July 1, 1989, whether or not the person was a defined~~  
 234 ~~employee on July 1, 1989;~~

235 ~~c. A person who was a defined employee of the State~~  
 236 ~~University System or the Public Service Commission who held such~~  
 237 ~~employment on December 31, 1994;~~

238 ~~d. A person who has reached normal retirement age as~~  
 239 ~~defined in s. 121.021(29), and who has retired under the~~  
 240 ~~provisions of chapter 121 by July 1, 1991; or~~

241 ~~e. Any appointed state officer whose term of office began~~  
 242 ~~before January 1, 1995, unless reappointed to that office on or~~  
 243 ~~after January 1, 1995.~~

244 (b) In addition to the provisions of this part which are  
 245 applicable to legislators and legislative employees by virtue of  
 246 their being public officers or employees, the conduct of members  
 247 of the Legislature and legislative employees shall be governed  
 248 by the ethical standards provided in the respective rules of the  
 249 Senate or House of Representatives which are not in conflict  
 250 herewith.

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251           (15) (a) ADDITIONAL EXEMPTION.—~~An~~ ~~no~~ elected public officer  
 252 may not shall be held in violation of subsection (7) if the  
 253 officer maintains an employment relationship with an entity  
 254 which is currently a tax-exempt organization under s. 501(c) of  
 255 the Internal Revenue Code and which contracts with or otherwise  
 256 enters into a business relationship with the officer's agency  
 257 and:

258           1.(a) The officer's employment is not directly or  
 259 indirectly compensated as a result of such contract or business  
 260 relationship;

261           2.(b) The officer has in no way participated in the  
 262 agency's decision to contract or to enter into the business  
 263 relationship with his or her employer, whether by participating  
 264 in discussion at the meeting, by communicating with officers or  
 265 employees of the agency, or otherwise; and

266           3.(c) The officer abstains from voting on any matter which  
 267 may come before the agency involving the officer's employer,  
 268 publicly states to the assembly the nature of the officer's  
 269 interest in the matter from which he or she is abstaining, and  
 270 files a written memorandum as provided in s. 112.3143.

271           (b) This subsection does not apply to an officer who  
 272 begins his or her term of office on or after January 8, 2019.

273           Section 3. Section 112.3181, Florida Statutes, is created  
 274 to read:

275           112.3181 Additional standards for statewide elected

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276 officers and legislators.—

277 (1) A statewide elected officer or member of the  
 278 Legislature may not solicit an employment offer or investment  
 279 advice arising out of official or political activities engaged  
 280 in while he or she is an officer or legislator or a candidate  
 281 for such office, except in the following circumstances:

282 (a) The officer or legislator may solicit or accept future  
 283 employment, including professional partnerships, in the last 180  
 284 days of his or her term of office if he or she is ineligible to  
 285 run for reelection or has publicly announced, and filed a letter  
 286 or other written notice with the qualifying officer with whom  
 287 reelection qualification papers are filed, that he or she is not  
 288 and does not intend to become a candidate for reelection.

289 (b) The officer or legislator may solicit or accept  
 290 employment from any prospective employer in a profession or  
 291 occupation in which he or she has formerly engaged, has been  
 292 formally educated or trained, or is licensed unless such  
 293 employment is prohibited by other general law.

294 (2) A statewide elected officer or member of the  
 295 Legislature may not solicit or accept investment advice from or  
 296 solicit or enter into an investment, joint venture, or other  
 297 profitmaking relationship with a lobbyist or principal, as those  
 298 terms are defined in s. 11.045 or s. 112.3215. However, the  
 299 officer or legislator may buy or sell listed, publicly traded  
 300 securities of a principal without the advice of a lobbyist or

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301 principal unless such action violates s. 112.313. For purposes  
 302 of this section, the phrase "investment, joint venture, or other  
 303 profitmaking relationship" does not include an employment  
 304 relationship or any enterprise organized to employ or engage the  
 305 personal services of individuals including the officer or  
 306 legislator. For purposes of this section, the terms "investment  
 307 advice" and "profitmaking relationship" do not include a client  
 308 relationship with a licensed investment broker, licensed  
 309 investment advisor, or similarly licensed professional to whom  
 310 the officer or legislator pays ordinary and reasonable fees for  
 311 services, regardless of such broker's, advisor's, or  
 312 professional's status as a lobbyist's principal or a nonlobbyist  
 313 employee of such principal.

314 (3) A lobbyist or principal who receives a solicitation  
 315 prohibited by this section by or on behalf of a statewide  
 316 elected officer or member of the Legislature must disclose such  
 317 solicitation to the commission. Any other person who receives  
 318 such solicitation may disclose such solicitation to the  
 319 commission. The commission may investigate any disclosure under  
 320 this subsection as if it were a valid complaint under this part.

321 (4) Upon acceptance of:

322 (a) Any new employment with or increased compensation from  
 323 an entity that receives state funds directly by appropriation;

324 (b) Any new employment with or increased compensation from  
 325 a public employer;

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326 (c) Any new employment the offer of which arose out of  
 327 official or political activities engaged in while he or she was  
 328 a statewide elected officer, member of the Legislature, or a  
 329 candidate for such office; or

330 (d) Any new employment with or increased compensation from  
 331 a lobbyist, a principal of a lobbyist, or a lobbying firm,

332  
 333 a statewide elected officer or member of the Legislature must  
 334 file with the commission a written statement disclosing the  
 335 applicable paragraph of this subsection, employer, position,  
 336 salary or other compensation, and effective date of employment  
 337 or increased compensation. Such disclosure must be filed within  
 338 30 days or before the effective date of the employment or  
 339 compensation increase, whichever date is earliest. Such  
 340 disclosure must also be filed within 30 days after July 1, 2017,  
 341 with respect to employment or increased compensation accepted or  
 342 effective between December 31, 2016, and July 1, 2017. The  
 343 commission shall publish such disclosures with the officer's or  
 344 legislator's full financial disclosure on its website. The  
 345 commission may adopt forms for disclosure and may adopt rules  
 346 requiring electronic submission of the disclosure required by  
 347 this subsection.

348 Section 4. Subsections (7) and (8) of section 112.3185,  
 349 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (8) and (9),  
 350 respectively, present subsections (1) and (8) are amended, and a

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351 new subsection (7) is added to that section, to read:

352 112.3185 Additional standards for state officers and  
 353 agency employees.—

354 (1) For the purposes of this section:

355 (a) "Contractual services" shall be defined as set forth  
 356 in chapter 287.

357 (b) "Agency" means any state officer, department, board,  
 358 commission, or council of the executive, legislative or judicial  
 359 branch of state government and includes the Public Service  
 360 Commission.

361 (c) "Covered officer" means a state officer who is serving  
 362 in a position that is not an elective position. The term does  
 363 not include a person who is appointed to fill an unexpired term  
 364 of an elective office.

365 (d) "Negotiate" or "negotiation" means a response to an  
 366 offer or solicitation of offers of an employment or contractual  
 367 relationship, including the submission of a resume, an  
 368 application, or any other information demonstrating interest on  
 369 the part of a prospective employee and interviewing or engaging  
 370 in other communication intended to lead to an offer or  
 371 acceptance of an employment or contractual relationship.

372 (e) "Reporting employee" means any agency employee who is  
 373 a reporting individual or procurement employee, as those terms  
 374 are defined in s. 112.3148.

375 (f) "Restricted employer," with respect to any state

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376 officer or agency employee, means any entity that does business  
 377 with or is subject to regulation by an agency employing the  
 378 covered officer or reporting employee and any person or entity  
 379 from whom the covered officer or reporting employee may not  
 380 solicit a gift under s. 112.3148(3).

381 (g) "Subject to regulation by an agency" means subject to  
 382 regulation by agency action as defined in s. 120.52(2) or its  
 383 substantial equivalent. The term does not include regulatory  
 384 power exercised strictly through the enactment of general laws.

385 (7) A covered officer or reporting employee who is  
 386 employed in such position on or after January 8, 2019, may not  
 387 solicit an employment or contractual relationship from or  
 388 negotiate an employment or contractual relationship with a  
 389 restricted employer except as provided in this subsection.

390 (a) A covered officer or reporting employee may solicit a  
 391 future employment or contractual relationship from or negotiate  
 392 a future employment or contractual relationship with a  
 393 restricted employer within 90 days before the expiration of the  
 394 officer's term of office, if the officer does not seek  
 395 reappointment, or within 90 days before the officer's or  
 396 employee's termination or retirement date, if he or she provides  
 397 notice of termination or retirement to the head of his or her  
 398 agency, the general counsel or inspector general of his or her  
 399 agency, or any other officer or attorney designated by the head  
 400 of his or her agency.

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401 (b) If a covered officer or reporting employee has been  
 402 notified by his or her appointing authority or employing agency  
 403 that he or she will be discharged from office or dismissed or  
 404 terminated from employment, he or she may solicit a future  
 405 employment or contractual relationship from or negotiate a  
 406 future employment or contractual relationship with a restricted  
 407 employer at any time after such notice but not sooner than 180  
 408 days before his or her employment is scheduled to end.

409 (c) A covered officer or reporting employee must disclose  
 410 to the head of his or her agency, the general counsel or  
 411 inspector general of his or her agency, or any other officer or  
 412 attorney designated by the head of his or her agency any offer  
 413 from a restricted employer of an employment or contractual  
 414 relationship. After such disclosure, a covered officer or  
 415 reporting employee may negotiate an employment or contractual  
 416 relationship with the restricted employer if expressly  
 417 authorized by the head of his or her agency or the agency head's  
 418 authorized designee. Permission may be withheld only if the  
 419 agency head or his or her authorized designee determines such  
 420 negotiation poses an actual or potential conflict with the  
 421 interests of the state or the agency.

422 (d) This subsection does not authorize any employment or  
 423 contractual relationship solicitation otherwise prohibited by  
 424 general law.

425 (9)(8) Subsections (1) through (6) of this section do not

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426 apply ~~is not applicable~~ to any employee of the Public Service  
 427 Commission who was so employed on or before December 31, 1994,  
 428 unless so employed on or after January 8, 2019.

429 Section 5. Paragraphs (f) and (h) of subsection (1),  
 430 subsections (3) and (4), paragraph (a) of subsection (5), and  
 431 subsections (7) and (8) of section 112.3215, Florida Statutes,  
 432 are amended, and subsection (15) of that section is reenacted,  
 433 to read:

434 112.3215 Lobbying before the executive branch or the  
 435 Constitution Revision Commission; registration and reporting;  
 436 investigation by commission.—

437 (1) For the purposes of this section:

438 (f) "Lobbying" ~~"Lobbies"~~ means seeking, on behalf of  
 439 another person, to influence an agency with respect to a  
 440 decision of the agency in the area of policy or procurement or  
 441 an attempt to obtain the goodwill of an agency official or  
 442 employee. "Lobbying" ~~"Lobbies"~~ also means influencing or  
 443 attempting to influence, on behalf of another, the Constitution  
 444 Revision Commission's action or nonaction through oral or  
 445 written communication or an attempt to obtain the goodwill of a  
 446 member or employee of the Constitution Revision Commission.

447 (h) "Lobbyist" means a person who is employed and receives  
 448 payment, or who contracts for economic consideration, for the  
 449 purpose of lobbying, or a person who is principally employed for  
 450 governmental affairs by another person or governmental entity to

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451 lobby on behalf of that other person or governmental entity. The  
 452 term "principally employed for governmental affairs" means that  
 453 one of the principal or most significant responsibilities of the  
 454 employee to the employer is overseeing the employer's various  
 455 relationships with government or representing the employer in  
 456 its contacts with government. "Lobbyist" does not include a  
 457 person who is:

458 1. An attorney, or any person, who represents a client in  
 459 a judicial proceeding or in a formal administrative proceeding  
 460 conducted pursuant to chapter 120 or any other formal hearing  
 461 before an agency, board, commission, or authority of this state.

462 2. An officer or employee of an agency, ~~or of~~ a  
 463 legislative or judicial branch entity, or a political  
 464 subdivision of this state acting in the normal course of his or  
 465 her office or duties.

466 3. A confidential informant who is providing, or wishes to  
 467 provide, confidential information to be used for law enforcement  
 468 purposes.

469 4. A person who seeks ~~lobbies~~ to procure a contract  
 470 pursuant to chapter 287 which contract is less than the  
 471 threshold for CATEGORY ONE as provided in s. 287.017.

472 (3) A person may not lobby an agency until such person has  
 473 electronically registered as a lobbyist with the commission.  
 474 Such registration shall be due upon initially being retained to  
 475 lobby and is renewable on a calendar year basis thereafter. The

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476 commission shall request authorization from the principal with  
 477 the principal's name, business address, e-mail address, and  
 478 telephone number to confirm that the registrant is authorized to  
 479 represent the principal. Upon registration the person shall  
 480 provide a statement signed by the principal or principal's  
 481 representative that the registrant is authorized to represent  
 482 the principal. The principal or principal's representative shall  
 483 also identify and designate its main business pursuant to the  
 484 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) six-digit  
 485 numerical code that most accurately describes the principal's  
 486 main business. Registration is not complete until the commission  
 487 receives the principal's authorization and the registration fee  
 488 on the statement authorizing that lobbyist pursuant to a  
 489 classification system approved by the commission. The  
 490 registration shall require each lobbyist to attest to disclose,  
 491 under oath, the following information:  
 492       (a) Full legal name, e-mail address, telephone number,  
 493 Name and business address;  
 494       (b) The name, e-mail address, telephone number, and  
 495 business address of each principal represented;  
 496       (c) His or her area of interest;  
 497       ~~(d)~~ The agencies before which he or she will appear; and  
 498       (d)(e) The existence of any direct or indirect business  
 499 association, partnership, or financial relationship with any  
 500 employee of an agency with which he or she lobbies, or intends

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501 to lobby, as disclosed in the registration.

502 (4) The annual lobbyist registration fee shall be set by  
 503 the commission by rule, not to exceed \$20 ~~\$40~~ for each principal  
 504 represented plus, for each principal, a fee not to exceed \$5 for  
 505 each agency after the first.

506 (5) (a) 1. Each lobbying firm shall file a compensation  
 507 report with the commission for each calendar quarter during any  
 508 portion of which one or more of the firm's lobbyists were  
 509 registered to represent a principal. The report shall include  
 510 the:

- 511 a. Full name, e-mail address, business address, and
- 512 telephone number of the lobbying firm;
- 513 b. Name of each of the firm's lobbyists; and
- 514 c. Total compensation provided or owed to the lobbying
- 515 firm from all principals for the reporting period, reported in
- 516 one of the following categories: \$0; \$1 to \$49,999; \$50,000 to
- 517 \$99,999; \$100,000 to \$249,999; \$250,000 to \$499,999; \$500,000 to
- 518 \$999,999; \$1 million or more.

519 2. For each principal represented by one or more of the  
 520 firm's lobbyists, the lobbying firm's compensation report shall  
 521 also include the:

- 522 a. Full name, e-mail address, business address, and
- 523 telephone number of the principal; and
- 524 b. Total compensation provided or owed to the lobbying
- 525 firm for the reporting period, reported in one of the following

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526 categories: \$0; \$1 to \$9,999; \$10,000 to \$19,999; \$20,000 to  
 527 \$29,999; \$30,000 to \$39,999; \$40,000 to \$49,999; or \$50,000 or  
 528 more. If the category "\$50,000 or more" is selected, the  
 529 specific dollar amount of compensation must be reported, rounded  
 530 up or down to the nearest \$1,000.

531 3. If the lobbying firm subcontracts work from another  
 532 lobbying firm and not from the original principal:

533 a. The lobbying firm providing the work to be  
 534 subcontracted shall be treated as the reporting lobbying firm's  
 535 principal for reporting purposes under this paragraph; and

536 b. The reporting lobbying firm shall, for each lobbying  
 537 firm identified under subparagraph 2., identify the name and  
 538 address of the principal originating the lobbying work.

539 4. The senior partner, officer, or owner of the lobbying  
 540 firm shall certify to the veracity and completeness of the  
 541 information submitted pursuant to this paragraph.

542 (7) A lobbyist shall promptly send a written statement to  
 543 the commission canceling the designation of registration for a  
 544 principal in his or her registration upon termination of such  
 545 ~~the lobbyist's representation of that principal. The commission~~  
 546 may cancel a lobbyist's designation of a principal upon the  
 547 principal's notification that the lobbyist is no longer  
 548 authorized to represent the principal ~~Notwithstanding this~~  
 549 ~~requirement, the commission may remove the name of a lobbyist~~  
 550 ~~from the list of registered lobbyists if the principal notifies~~

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551 ~~the office that a person is no longer authorized to represent~~  
 552 ~~that principal.~~

553 (8) (a) The commission shall investigate every sworn  
 554 complaint that is filed with it alleging that a person covered  
 555 by this section has failed to register, has failed to submit a  
 556 compensation report, has made a prohibited expenditure, or has  
 557 knowingly submitted false information in any report or  
 558 registration required in this section.

559 (b) All proceedings, the complaint, and other records  
 560 relating to the investigation are confidential and exempt from  
 561 the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
 562 Constitution, and any meetings held pursuant to an investigation  
 563 are exempt from the provisions of s. 286.011(1) and s. 24(b),  
 564 Art. I of the State Constitution either until the alleged  
 565 violator requests in writing that such investigation and  
 566 associated records and meetings be made public or until the  
 567 commission determines, based on the investigation, whether  
 568 probable cause exists to believe that a violation has occurred.

569 (c) The commission shall investigate any lobbying firm,  
 570 lobbyist, principal, agency, officer, or employee upon receipt  
 571 of information from a sworn complaint or from a random audit of  
 572 lobbying reports indicating that the individual or entity has  
 573 intentionally failed to disclose any material fact or has  
 574 knowingly submitted false information in any report required by  
 575 this section or by rules adopted pursuant to this section a

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576 | ~~possible violation other than a late-filed report.~~

577 |       (d) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a)-(c), the commission may  
 578 | dismiss any complaint or investigation resulting from a random  
 579 | audit of lobbying reports, at any stage of disposition, if it  
 580 | determines that the public interest is not served by proceeding  
 581 | further, in which case the commission shall issue a public  
 582 | report stating with particularity its reasons for the dismissal.

583 |       (e)1. Records relating to an audit conducted pursuant to  
 584 | this section or an investigation conducted pursuant to this  
 585 | section or s. 112.32155 are confidential and exempt from s.  
 586 | 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

587 |       2. Any portion of a meeting wherein such investigation or  
 588 | audit is discussed is exempt from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art.  
 589 | I of the State Constitution.

590 |       3. The exemptions no longer apply if the lobbying firm  
 591 | requests in writing that such investigation and associated  
 592 | records and meetings be made public or the commission determines  
 593 | there is probable cause that the audit reflects a violation of  
 594 | the reporting laws.

595 |       (15) The commission shall adopt rules to administer this  
 596 | section, which shall prescribe forms for registration and  
 597 | compensation reports, procedures for registration, and  
 598 | procedures that will prevent disclosure of information that is  
 599 | confidential as provided in this section.

600 |       Section 6. The amendment made by this act to s.

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601 | 112.313(9)(a)3., Florida Statutes, applies only to those  
602 | individuals who were members of the Legislature or statewide  
603 | elected officers at any time after November 8, 2016.

604 | Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.